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Constitution of the United States. "Resolved by the Senate and House of Repre sentatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two-thirds of both Houses concurring.) That the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratifled by three-fourths of said Legislatures, shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, as a part of the said Constitution, namely: "ARTICLE XIII.

"Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdic-"Section 2. Congress shall have power

to enforce this article by appropriate legisla-And whereas it appears from official documents on file in this Department that the amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed, as aforesaid, has been ratified by the Legislatures of the States of Illinois, Rhode Island, Michigan, Maryland, New York, West Virginia, Maine, Kansas, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio, Missouri, Nevada, Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Vermont, Tennessee, Arkansas, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Sonth Carolina,

Alabama, North Carolina, and Georgia-in all twenty-seven States. And whereas the whole number of States in the United States is thirty-six, and whereas the before specially-named States, whose legislatures have ratified the said proposed amendment, constitute three-fourths of the whole number of States in the United States: Now, therefore, be it known that I, William H. Seward, Secretary of State of the United States, by virtue and in pursuance of the second section of the act of Congress, approved the twentieth of April, eighteen hundred and eighteen, entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States and for other purposes," do hereby certify that the amendment aforesaid has become valid, to

all intents and purposes, as a part of the Constitution of the United States. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the Department of State to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

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Additional reports from British Columbia represent no abatement in the gold field excitement. Victoria papers of the 13th say Major Frank Pope, of the Russian telegraph, and his party, were at Bulkley's house, near Table lake. All well and everything progressing finely. Mr. Conway and partyhad communicated with Major Pope and returned to Victoria. The line has been completed for 400 miles above New Westminster, and the wire for 400 miles more was on the ground.

. The North Carolina Legislature adjourned yesterday morning, to meet on the first day of February. No law has been passed or even presented for the government or the protection of the freedmen. Benjamin Robinson, the editor of the Fayetteville News, was arrested by order of General Ruger for an article which appeared in his paper unfriendly to the Government. He was brought here on Saturday

and admitted to bail. The small-pox is raging among the freed. ment in the vicinity of Selma, Alabama, to such an extent that they are not allowed to enter that city except under the most pressing

circumstances. At an American banquet in Paris on Thanksgiving day, Minister Bigelow expressed very pacific sentiments, and General Schoffeld prooosed a toast-"Friendship between France and the United States."

It was said that Austria and Mexico were negotiating for a more speedy enrolment of the ten thousand Austrians which were to be furnished during five years. The California Legislature on Saturday

place of Mr. McDougall. The notorious guerrilla leader, Mat Suton, under sentence of death, escaped from the military prison at Memphis on Thursday. Lieutenant Commander Bartlett, of the monitor Oneida, shot and killed a gambler at Cairo,

Illinois, on Sunday. The King of Belgium is dead.

ALABAMA. Provisional Governor Parsons Relieved-Despatches from Secretary Seward-Acknowledgments of the President.

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MR. SEWARD TO MR. PARSONS. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, 1865.—To his Excellency Lewis E. Parsons, Provisional Governor of the State of Alabama. Montgomery, Ala.—SIR: The time has arrived when, in the judgment of the President of the United States, the care and conduct of the proper affairs of the State of Alabama may be remitted to the constitutional authorities, chosen by the people thereof, without danger to the peace and safety of the United States. By direction of the President, therefore, you are relieved of the trust which was heretofore reposed in you as the Provisional Governor of the State of Alabama.

Whenever the Governor elect shall have ac cepted and become qualified to discharge the duties of the executive office, you will transfer the papers and property of the State now in your custody to his Excellency, the Governor It gives me especial pleasure to convey to you

the President's acknowledgment of the fidelity, the loyalty, and the discretion which marked your administration. You will please give me a reply, specifying the day on which this communication is re-

ceived. I have the honor to be, your Excellency's most obedient servant, Wm. H. SEWARD. most obedient servant, MR. SEWARD TO THE GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Washington, 18th December, 1865. - Sir:-By direction of the President I have the honor herewith to transmit to you a copy of a communication which has been addressed to his Excellency Lewis E. Parsons, late Provisional Governor of Alabams, whereby he has been relieved of the trust heretofore reposed in him, and directed to deliver into your Excellency's possession the papers and property relating to that trust. I have the honor to tender you the co-operation of the Government of the United States whenever it may be found necessary in effect. ing the early restoration and the permanent

prosperity and welfare of the State over which you have been called to preside. I have the honor to be, with great respect, your most obedient servant,

LOCAL NEWS.

Corporation Affairs. BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Dec. 18 .- The President (Mr. T. E. Lloyd) in the chair. Present: Aldermen Barr, Brown, Canfield, Cross, Gulick, Lewis, McCathran, Noyes, Owen and

A communication was presented from the Mayor announcing the approval of an act to grade and pave the alley in square No. 539; joint resolution respecting the printing of the communication of the Mayor to the Secretary of the Interior; and a joint resolution in rela-tion to the establishment of a magistrate's court.

Mr. Barr presented a petition from Concor-dia Lyceum, asking for the use of the Aider-men's chamber for their weekly meetings, and also offered a resolution granting the desired privilege. The yeas and nays were ordered, resulting-Yeas-Aldermen Barr, Canfield, McCathran, Noyes and Owen-6. Nays-Aldermen Brown,

Cross, Gulick and Turton-4. A majority of

two-thirds being necessary to the adoption of Mr. Gulick presented the petition of Mrs. E. Millen; referred to committee on claims.

Mr. Gulick also offered a concurrent resolution that when the two boards adjourn it be till the night of January 8, 1866; adopted. Also, a resolution instructing the secretary of the board to have printed for distribution among the Aldermen 500 copies of the speech of the President of the board, (Mr. T. E. Lloyd,)

at the last meeting, on the question of negro suffrage in the District of Columbia; adopted. Mr. Brown introduced a bill repealing the acts prohibiting the barber shops from keeping open after ten o'clock a. m. on Sunday, and the newsboys from crying aloud their papers on the Sabbath; referred to the police committee.

Mr. Gulick moved that the petition of Concordia Lyceum relative to the use of the Alderman's Chamber, be referred to the committee on police; agreed to.

grading 12th street west, from N street north to Boundary street; referred to the committee on improvements. The Board then took a recess of fifteen minutes, and upon re-assembling-Mr. Barr, from the Second Ward delegation, to which the subject had been referred, re-

Mr. Owen introduced a bill for opening and

ported a bill appropriating \$150 for remunera-ting Wm. D. Crampsey for damages sustained by his property from water, during the improvement of F street north; passed. A bill from the Common Council authorizing the Mayor to employ a competent person to attend the sale of Government buildings, near the Asylum on the 20th instant, for the purpose of purchasing a building, to be re-Asylum; pa Also, a bill remitting a fine impossed on Jno. Wunderlick; passed. Adjourned till January 8th, 1866.

COMMON COUNCIL.-President Moore in the

chair, and all the members present except

Messrs. Simms, Walker and Williams.

A message was received from the Mayor announcing his approval of the following acts: Authorizing a special election to ascertain the opinion of the people of Washington on the question of negro suffrage; granting additional compensation to the tax clerk; appropriating \$20,000 to purchase a lot of ground and build a police station house; joint resolution in rela-tion to the immediate execution of an act authorizing a sewer in E street, between 6th and 7th streets, and joint resolution requiring the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to station proper signals and to lay a flag footway at H street north. Also, a message enclosing a proposal for heating the Central Guardhouse; referred. Mr. Rheem rose to a question of privilege and called the attention of the Board to a communication in the Chronicle of yesterday signed Sayles J. Bowen, in which it is charged that a fair election cannot be had here; that the cor-poration officers are dishonest, and that the citizens of Washington are mostly disloyal. He caused the communication to be read, and stated that what Mr. Bowen asserts is not so, and Mr. Bowen knew it. The communication insing. ates that the corporation officers are dishonest and disloyal (referring to assessors and judges of elections.) He (Mr. Rheem) knew it to be a fact that a few of the latter who served last year as judges refused to be judges and resigned. If they wanted a fair election why

did they not serve! He would not hesitate to

say that Mr. Bowen knew at the time he was

writing the communication that ne was pen-

ning falsehoods. As long as he remained in the

Mr. Moore said that it might be justly re marked as to the aspertion of Mr. Bowen relation to traitors, that the people of this city in proportion to the population are as loyal a any other. There was no reason why they should be otherwise, for all their interests li here. In refutation of imputations cast by Mr. Bowen he would notice that in '61 all the members of the Councils met and determined that the President elect, Mr. Lincoln, should be inaugurated, and that they would sustain Gen. Scott. These all professed to be Democrats and two of them subsequently went South, but the others remained loyal. Another fact to be remembered was that the Councils of this city were among the first to adopt an oath for its members, officers of the Corporation, contrac-tors, &c. He did not think it necessary to allude to any other facts to refute the imputajust and uncalled for.

Board he would repel any assault upon officers

of this corporation.

Mr. Rheem remarked that Mr. Bowen asserted that 6,000 negroes defended the city. Mr. Moore answered that the records of the War Department show that the city was defended by 3,700 whites, who volunteered without bounty or reward, and that many others volunteered and were obliged to go into State regiments. There were no negroes to volun-

Mr. Hamilton said that he had six negroes under his command at the time and never heard of others. His blood had boiled when he read the communication and he pronounced the writer (Mr. Bowen) a liar, a coward, and a thief at heart, (applause.) He was responsi-ble for what he said.

Mr. Peugh said that the subject was painful

to him, ha ving had an acquaintance with Mr. Powen, and he was sorry to say that such a man had perpetrated such a wrong. If be believed that he lived in such a dirty, contemptible community as Mr. Bowen had described, he would emigrate, and go to the West Indies, or some other place. The man who thus slanders us receives pay from the corporation. He is now the recipient of three Government offices. Why does he strive to grasp all the offices? Speaking of loyalty and disloyalty with his pocket full of commissions! [Applause.] Mr. Bowen, a clerk at the Capitol, with a salary of from two to three thousand dollars a year, Police Commissioner. City Postmaster and ex-Collector of Internal Revenue! [Laugh ter.] It was painful to see a man who had had such high public honors heaped upon him stoop so low as this, and the only way in which he could account for it was, that he (Mr. Bowen) had been looking at one object so long

that he could see no other. Mr. Herrell said that the writer, before making such sweeping assertions, should have made himself acquainted with the facts. When elected Cornelius Cole, U. S. Senator in the he (Mr. Bowen) was sleeping in his bed of down some of these very men who he charges with being traitors, were protecting him, sleeping on the bridges, and guarding the ap-proaches to the city. He tells us that no votes will be polled against negro suffrage but those of traitors and rebels. Is Connecticut a rebel State! She voted against it. Is Iowa! He wished it to go forth that that which had been published was untrue, and he was sorry that it was not in his power to give him the rebuke he deserved.

Mr. Wright offered the following: Resolved, That in the judgment of this Board, the communication of S. J. Bowen, published in the Chronicle of this morning, was conceived in a spirit of egotism, is partisan in character, and totally untruthful. Mr. Ferguson desired to state, in answer to

Mr. Bowen, that that part of the city east of the Capitol raised five companies, some of whom lead the advance to Virginia, some up the canal, and others opened the road to Annapolis, when Mr. Bowen had not bravery enough to come out himself Mr. Rheem .- He hadn't time to take his hands out of Uncle Sam's pockets. [Laughter.] Mr. Wright stated that he had served his country for twenty-five years-ten years as an

enlisted man-and he wondered, if Mr. Bowen had had the same offer made to him (Mr. B.) to go South that he had, if he would not have gone. [Applause.] He had received an offer from Richmond, and was told to name his price. The writer of the communication was man who sits behind his desk and refuses his aid to his Government except by shoving his quill! He knew at the time that he was publishing a falsehood. He and other members of the Board had been tried, and it came with ill grace from such a man as Bowen to make the charges be had.

He thought that every member of the boards would vote, notwithstanding Mr. Bowen's advice, except one. And against negro suffrage, because they believe that the negro is not better qualified to vote than a brickbat. It was different here from the States. Here, at present, about 25 per cent. of the population is colored, while in Pennsylvania there is about one colored person to a hundred whites; and while if negro suffrage was in force here, one in four voters would be black, only one in a hundred in Pennsylvania would be seen. They are now totally incompetent to distinguish between right and wrong. Thousands of them don't even know their age. They are not now competent, and it will be many years before they are.

The resolution was adopted by the following Yeas .- Messrs. Anderson, Dudley, Edmonston, Ferguson. Hamilton, Hazel, Herreil, Joyce, Mead, Peugh, Rheem, Stewart, Talbert, Tynan, White, Wright, and the president WILLIAM H. SEWARD. (Mr. Moore)-17. Nays .- Mr. Hall-1.

> while he believed the statements made by Mr. Bowen to be untrue in some respects, he did not believe that Mr. Bowen knew them to be so Mr. Ferguson said that Mr. Bowen had charged the people with being copperheads.
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> Mr. Hall replied that he had made such an assertion, and no gentleman would deny that there were some. Mr. Ferguson knew of some disloyal men

Mr. Hall, in voting in the negative, said that

who were kept in office by some of these very

loyal ones, to the exclusion of loyal men. Mr. Rheem knew that some had held their offices, thereby keeping loyal men out of office. The following were introduced and referred: By Mr. Peugh—Bill for the relief of the deserving out-door poor, making appropriation for fuel; authorizing the Mayor to pay for publishing the general laws passed since 1860. By Mr. Edmonston-Communication of Messrs Jones and Ashford in relation to the claim of J. R. Murray. By Mr. Meade—Petition for paying the fronts of certain squares.

The following were introduced and passed :-By Mr. Ferguson-Bill authorizing the Mayor to purchase buildings for the Washington Asylum. By Mr. Herrell—Bill for the relief of John Wondulich. By Mr. Hamilton—A resolution calling the attention of the Board of Police to the fact of a report that some appointments on the police force are made from residents of the States, and requesting the board in future to make appointments from among bona fide citizens. Mr. Rheem moved to amend by requesting

the board to suspend all such as are now on the force; which was adopted. The resolution was referred. The resolution from the Aldermen providing for an adjournment of the Boards to January 8th, was taken up and passed.

The following were reported from commit-tees: By Mr. Ferguson, (ways and means)— Bill to repeal an act to license substitute brokers, &c., unfavorably, and asked to be discharged; so ordered. To pay balance due Coroner Thomas Woodward, a balance due on judgement; passed. Aldermen's joint resolu-tion requesting the Surveyor to furnish the Assessors with plat books, &c., with an amend-ment; recommitted. By Mr. Rheem, (improvements)-Bill to set curb and lay footway on the east side of 13th street west, between C and D south, &c.; passed. By Mr. Joyce, (police)— Bill to regulate bill posting in the city; passed By Mr. Stewart, (claims)-Bill for the relief of Mrs. McCarty, widow of Engineer McCarty;

passed. Bill for the relief of M H. Crouse Mr. Edmonston, from a select committee, reported Aldermen's bill to pay all outstanding claims against the Central Guardhouse, unfavorably; committee discharged, and after some debate, the bill was laid on the table At 9:30 the Board adjourned to January 8th

U S. SUPREME COURT, Dec. 18 .- Joseph H Chandler, of N. H., were admitted attorneys and counsellors of this court. No. 69. Marinus W. Gardiner, treasurer, &c., plaintiff in error, vs. Anna R. Babcock, &c. In error to the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Rhode Island. Mr. Justice Davis delivered the opinion of the court, affirming the judgment of the said Circuit Court in this cause with costs and interest.
Nos. 189, 160. John A. Horback et al., appel-Nos. 189, 160. John A. Horback et al., appellants, vs. John R. Potter, and John A Horback et al., appellants, vs. Jas. Brown. Appeals from the Supreme Court of Nebraska. Mr. Justice Miller delivered the opinion of the

Court, affirming the decree of the said Supreme Court in these causes, with costs.
No. 76. The Chenango Bridge Company, plaintiff in error, vs. The Binghampton Bridge Company. The argument of this cause was continued by Mr. Dickinson for the defendant in error, and concluded by Mr. Mygatt for the plaintiff in error.

No. 77. Magin Puig et al., appellants, vs. The Ship James Guthrie, &c. The argument of this cause was commenced by Mr. Charles Tracy for the appellants. The Queen of the Sandwich Islands lately went to Wells, and was received with

much state. The Volunteers turned out to do the honors, and the command was given to play "The King of the Cannibal Islands," which the captain thought was the national air of the country when her majesty came!

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